

CHAPTER NO. 271

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

By Representatives Lois DeBerry, Langster

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 906

By Senator Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, relative to electronic textbooks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) As used in this part or elsewhere in this title, "textbook" or "textbooks" includes "electronic textbook" or "electronic textbooks" which means computer software, interactive videodisc, magnetic media, CD-ROM, computer courseware, local and remote computer assisted instruction, on-line service, electronic medium, or other means of conveying information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process through electronic means. "Electronic textbooks" may be recommended, adopted, and purchased in the same fashion as provided for textbooks in this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2207, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(f) As provided in Section 49-6-2202(d), a local board may furnish electronic textbooks to pupils attending the public schools, provided the electronic textbooks are furnished free of charge. A board that chooses to furnish electronic textbooks to pupils attending school in the district shall provide reasonable access to the electronic textbooks and other necessary computer equipment to pupils in the district who are required to complete homework assignments and teachers providing homework assignments, utilizing electronic textbooks furnished by the board.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2001


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2001


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